

# Crumbs from the Table

## Theme

When we sit at the Master's feet, we will be fed.

## Object

A picture of a dog. (You could use a real dog, if well-behaved.)

## Scripture

The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs." "Yes, Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Matthew 15:26-27 (NIV)

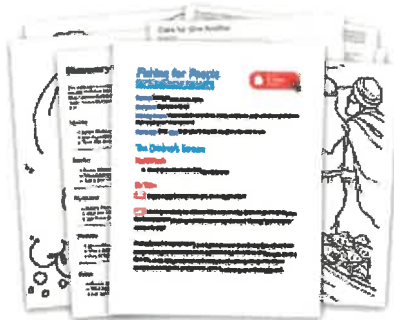
Do you have a dog? What do you feed your dog? Canned dog food? Dry dog food? Do you ever feed him scraps from the table? Most veterinarians say that you should not feed your dog table scraps. Why? They say that table scraps are not intended for dogs and may not provide what a dog needs. That may be true, but just try to convince your dog of that as he sits by the table watching you enjoy a juicy steak. Maybe the meal was not intended for him, but that doesn't keep him from sitting by the table, begging for a little scrap, hoping that just one small bite might fall on the floor for him. Keep that picture in your mind as you listen to our Bible lesson today.

When Jesus came to earth, he came to preach and teach first to the Jews. That does not mean that He didn't love the other people of the world, but the first priority in his ministry on earth was to bring God's chosen ones to repentance.

When other people saw Jesus healing the sick and lame, they followed him wherever he went. One day there was a woman from Canaan who came to Jesus and asked him to heal her daughter. Jesus explained to the woman that his first mission on earth was to preach to the people of Israel.

The woman refused to give up. She came closer, knelt down, and begged, "Please help me, Lord!"

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Jesus replied, "It isn't right to take food away from children and feed it to dogs."

The woman answered Jesus and said, "Lord, that's true, but even dogs get the crumbs that fall from their owner's table."

Jesus was so touched by the faith of that woman that he told her that because of her faith, her daughter would be healed.

Even though Jesus came first to the Jew, he loved us so much that he shared his love with all of us. I guess we are a little bit like the dog -- even though the meal was not prepared especially for us, it doesn't keep us from enjoying it. We gladly sit at our Master's feet and thankfully receive whatever crumbs might fall from the table.

Dear Father, thank you for loving us so much that you shared your Son with the whole world, so that through him we could be saved. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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## Group Activities

Sermon Title: ["Crumbs from the Table"](#)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 15:21-28

### HEART HANGING:

Let children cut out several hearts from big hearts to smaller hearts. Have children decorate their hearts with glitter, stickers, and words from our lesson (such as FAITH, LOVE, JESUS, child's name, etc). Then make a heart hanging, using yarn in punched holes to hang each heart from each other. The top heart could be made with yarn for hanging, or with a magnet on the back to place the "heart hanging" on their refrigerator!

### FOIL QUARTERS:

BEFORE class, the teacher can wad up and wrinkle some tin foil and then place a quarter inside each small piece of the foil and wad up and leave around the room or under the classroom table. As children come in or during class, have children take one of the foil "wads" and keep at their place until the teacher chooses a time to ask the children what they think of that foil wad? Some may say to throw it away and some may want to see if there's anything IN that foil wad? The teacher can have discussion after opening their "wads" about things not being what they SEEM to be on the outside and that it's what's on the INSIDE that counts.

### CROSS ART:

- Give children two long rectangle pieces of construction paper to decorate, glitter, etc and then glue to form a CROSS, while teaching today's lesson and God's LOVE for us and His dying on the cross for ALL of us! A magnet could be stuck to the back or a string from the top, in order to display at home! GREAT IS YOUR FAITH could be drawn on the cross, as in our story today.

## **PACKAGE RELAY**

: For this relay, the teacher can wrap UGLY PRESENTS, with wrinkled paper, foil, etc. As children form teams, they can take turns running to the UGLY PRESENT LINE and choosing one of the presents and opening it to see something GOOD inside and then run back to tap the next team member, etc. All the "presents" will have something good inside, such as a piece of candy, a quarter, a new pencil, toy car, etc. After the relay is completed, the children will discuss that "it's what's on the INSIDE that really counts", as in our story today!

## **HEART WREATH:**

Cut the inside of a paper plate out. Let children glue small colorful hearts around the edges and write FAITH and glue a loop of paper or a magnet, etc on the plate to hang in the classroom or at home.

## **HEART BALLOONS:**

Some Dollar stores will have a package of the small balloons and a balloon PUMP. Children can pump up their long balloons and shape them into a heart (just twisting where it comes together and squeezing it where the heart bends in the middle).

## **COOKIE SNACKS:**

Give each child two cookies to frost and to use gel or a toothpick to make a "heart" on one cookie and a "cross" on the other, to discuss about God's love and dying on the cross for ALL of us!

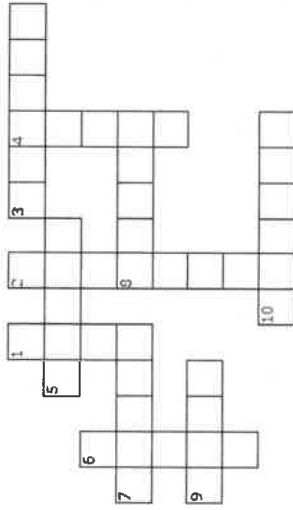
## **HEART HUNT:**

Let children HUNT for hearts and crosses in a designated area. The hearts and crosses can be brought back to the room and taped onto a large poster board in the "shape" for the word FAITH! This could be challenging for the children to make the letters look the right shape with their hearts and crosses.

**Song: "Never Give Up" by Cindy Jordan**

[Words and Music](#) (pdf)

# Crossword Puzzle



## ACROSS

- To experience physical or mental pain
- An adult female human being
- The Son of God
- An very large amount of something
- Unable to be found
- Small pieces of bread or cake

JESUS  
WOMAN

DAUGHTER  
GREAT

SUFFER  
FAITH

CRUMBS  
DOGS

DEMON  
LOST

## DOWN

- Animals with four legs, commonly kept as pets, and sometimes used to guard things
- A female child in relation to her parents
- To have trust or confidence in something or someone
- An evil spirit



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# Children's Worship Bulletin

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Matthew 15:21-28

# Word Search Puzzle

O D N F V L Q K R N G E O L A  
Z S T F E K M E R C Y R A Z U  
V Q F A I P J D P Y D N E T Q  
U C R H E L P O Z O P T N A S  
G S U D O G S Q C R Y I N G T  
I B H Q T Q S W H E A L E D Y  
C I Q G A O Z H L F A L L R S  
D W L Q B C Q M E O L F J F U  
C K J I L J R E D E S D M A F  
C Y N W E E J U E E P T P I F  
T B Z E O E H E M Y M K C T E  
J N H N L M Z H S B M O W H R  
J S M J Q T A A R U S R N F I  
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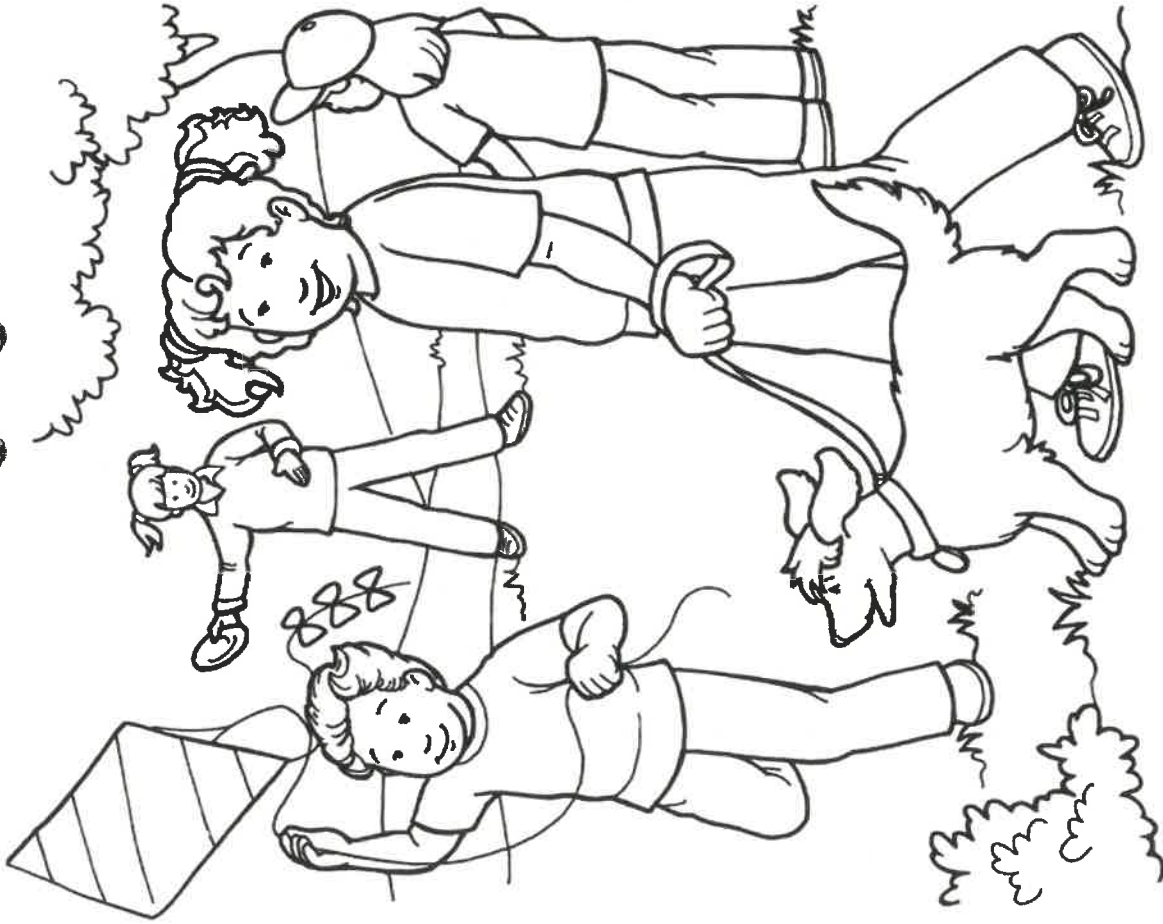
SHEEP  
DOGS  
TABLE  
CRUMBS

FALL  
LOST  
ISRAEL  
SUFFERING

MERCY  
JESUS  
WOMAN  
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# Coloring Page



# Multiple Choice Quiz

Choose the word that best fits the definition.

1. An adult female human being  
A. girl B. demon C. woman D. daughter
2. A female child in relation to her parents  
A. dog B. daughter C. demon D. woman
3. To experience physical or mental pain  
A. lost B. worry C. faith D. suffer
4. An evil spirit  
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5. The Son of God  
A. Matthew B. Jesus C. Joseph D. James
6. Unable to be found  
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7. Animals with four legs, commonly kept as pets, and sometimes used to guard things  
A. dogs B. cats C. frogs D. camels
8. Small pieces of bread or cake  
A. food B. crumbs C. crackers D. leftovers
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Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.



1. A \_\_\_\_\_ woman came to Jesus and asked him for help.
2. The woman begged Jesus to have \_\_\_\_\_ on her.
3. The woman told Jesus that her daughter was possessed by a \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ asked Jesus to send the woman away.
5. Jesus said, "I was sent only to the lost \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel."
6. The woman continued to \_\_\_\_\_, "Lord, help me."
7. He replied, "It is not right to take the children's food and toss it to their \_\_\_\_\_."
8. "Even the dogs eat \_\_\_\_\_ that fall from the master's table" the woman answered.
9. Jesus saw that the woman had great \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Because the woman had great faith, Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ her daughter.

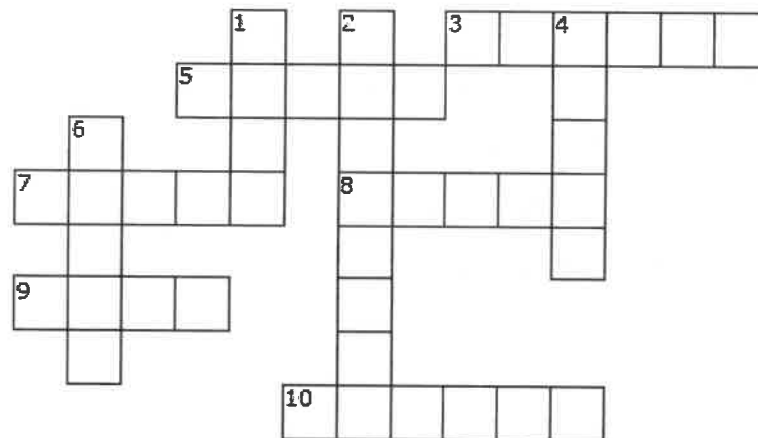
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healed	crumbs	Canaanite	sheep	faith
dogs	plead	demon	disciples	mercy

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WOMAN	GREAT	FAITH	DOGS	LOST

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

# OLD TESTAMENT BIBLE BOOKS

Fill in the Blanks in the Bible Book Names

G\_n\_s\_s

Ex\_\_u\_\_

Lev\_\_cu\_\_

N\_\_be\_\_

De\_\_ro\_\_my

Jo\_\_a

Ju\_\_e\_\_

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 I B H Q T Q S W H E A L E D Y  
 C I Q G A O Z H L F A L L R S  
 D W L Q B C Q M E O L F J F U  
 C K J I L J R E D E S D M A F  
 C Y N W E E J U E E P T P I F  
 T B Z E O E H E M Y M K C T E  
 J N H N L M Z H S B M O W H R  
 J S M J Q T A A R U S R N F I  
 A P B Z K O L N N W S H F K N  
 X I T D A U G H T E R Z T D G

HEALED	DAUGHTER	SHEEP	FALL	MERCY
GREAT	CRYING	DOGS	LOST	JESUS
DEMON	HELP	TABLE	ISRAEL	WOMAN
EAT	FAITH	CRUMBS	SUFFERING	KNELT